GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:812
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CONVERSION OF FAST PASSENGER TRAIN INTO EXPRESS TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fast passenger train No. 329/330 running from Amritsar to Dehradun has been converted into express train;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether stoppage of this train is being provided at Sarsava railway station in Saharanpur;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any public demand has been received for the stoppage of this train at Sarsava railway station; and

(f) if so, action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Passenger train 329/330 has been upgraded to an Express train (4631/4632) with effect from 01.08.2007. After its up gradation, the running time has been curtailed by 2 hours 35 minutes from Amritsar to Dehradun and by 2 hours 30 minutes from Dehradun to Amritsar. Further the train has been provided with 6 additional sleeper class coaches (GSCNs) from. 22.02.2006 and 1 ACCN (AC-3 Tier) coach from. 15/4/2006.

(c) & (d): Stoppage of this train at Sarsawa station has been withdrawn due to poor patronization.

(e) & (f): Yes Sir. The request has been examined, but stoppage of the train at Sarsawa has not been found commercially justified.